

RESPONSE UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE PRACTICE
Application No. 10/066,617

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated February 6, 2002 and providing an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging his claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

The drawings have been objected to by the Examiner. Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings which are believed to overcome those objections. Specifically, figures 13-20 have been labeled "Prior Art". The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and approval of these drawings.

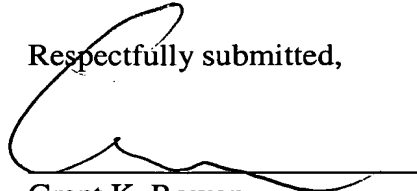
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. It is respectfully submitted that this response addresses the formal matters identified by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington D.C. telephone number 202-293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant K. Rowan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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